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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. CONSUL GENERAL LEONHARDY RELEASED

LEONHARDY WAS RELEASED IN GOOD HEALTH IN GUADALAJARA A FEW MINUTES AFTER MIDNIGHT EDT ON MAY 8 FOLLOWING THE PAYMENT OF AN EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLAR RANSOM BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO. HE REPORTED THAT HIS CAPTORS HAD NOT MISTREATED HIM AND THAT HE BELIEVED HE KNEW WHERE HE HAD BEEN HELD, DESPITE HAVING BEEN BLIND-FOLDED DURING MOST OF HIS CAPTIVITY. (CONFIDENTIAL) MEXICO WORKING GROUP, 5/8.

2. A FLUID SITUATION IN LEBANON

AS OF 0300 EDT, BEIRUT WAS CALM FOLLOWING 12 HOURS OF FIGHTING WHICH EMBASSY BEIRUT BELIEVES REPRESENTED A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT BY SOME FEDAYEEN ELEMENTS TO TORPEDO ANY POSSIBILITY OF STABILIZING GOVERNMENT-FEDAYEEN RELATIONS ON A NEW BASIS. AT 0400 EDT
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GOVERNMENT SOURCES INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT ARAFAT WAS TRYING TO CALM HIS TROOPS, THAT A NEW CEASE- FIRE HAD COME INTO EFFECT AND THAT IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THE PRIME MINISTER WILL WITHDRAW HIS RESIGNATION OF THE PREVIOUS EVENING. THE GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY INTENDS TO TAKE A TOUGH LINE WITH THE FEDAYEEN IN ANY TALKS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BEIRUT 5159, 5/8.

3. CONTINUED CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE ICCS?

EMBASSY OTTAWA REPORTS THAT CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SHARP SAID, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IN COMMONS ON MAY 7, " THERE HAS NOT BEEN THE KIND OF IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS OF OPERATION OF THE ICCS WHICH I LAID DOWN AS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS FOR STAYING ON. IN FACT, THE SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED RATHER THAN IMPROVED. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN URGED TO BE PATIENT, AND WE SHALL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE EVENTS, PROBABLY UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH." (UNCLASSIFIED) OTTAWA 1091, 5/7.

4. LIBYAN PASSPORT POLICY LEADS TO OUSTER OF US DIPLOMAT

THE DEPARTMENT HAS INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TRIPOLI TO FORMAL- LY PROTEST THE MAY 6 INCIDENT WHICH CULMINATED IN OUR ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION (ADCM) BEING DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA. DURING A CONTROVERSY RESULTING FROM LIBYA' S REFUSAL TO ADMIT AN EMBASSY OFFICER WHOSE PASSPORT LACKED AN ARABIC LANGUAGE SECTION, OUR ADCM WAS VIOLENTLY FORCED TO BOARD A PLANE AND WAS DETAINED TWO HOURS. THE DEPARTMENT IS REVIEWING THE TOTALITY OF US- LIBYAN RELATIONS AND BELIEVES THE EMBASSY, HAVING PROTESTED, SHOULD AVOID FURTHER CONFRONTATIONS (CONFIDENTIAL) TRIPOLI 594, 595; STATE 086514, 5/7. ROGERS

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